

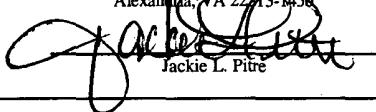


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/841,493  
Confirmation No.: 4047  
Filing Date: April 24, 2001  
Inventors: de Rouffignac et al.  
Title: IN SITU THERMAL  
PROCESSING OF A COAL  
FORMATION USING A  
MOVABLE HEATING  
ELEMENT

§ Examiner: J. J. Kreck  
§ Art Unit: 3673  
§ Atty. Dkt. No.: 5659-06500/EBM

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

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This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/841,493, filed on April 24, 2001, entitled IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING OF A COAL FORMATION USING A MOVABLE HEATING ELEMENT.

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| Inventors: de Rouffignac et al.  |                                      |
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| Assignee: Shell Oil Company  | Recorded at: Reel 012230, Frame 0567 |
| Correspondence Address in Prior Application:<br>Del Christensen<br>Shell Oil Company<br>P.O. Box 2463<br>Houston, Texas 77252-2463 |                                      |

Application Elements

1.  Filing Fee

A Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit for the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.

2.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

3. Amendments

- An amendment is enclosed.  
 Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.  
 Please consider the arguments in the response filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.  
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5.  Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time
6.  Return Receipt Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5659-06500/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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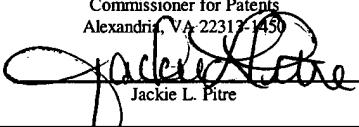


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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Shell Oil Co.  
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| 1. Request for Continued Examination Fee    | \$750.00 |
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